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COORDINATING COMMITTEE

RECORD OF DISCUSSION

ON

NEW METALS ETC. WATCH LIST ITEM NO. 1

16th December, 1959

Present: Belgium (Luxembourg), France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, United Kingdom, United States.

References: COCOM Documents Nos. 3700.5, 3716.00/1, 3716.WL.NI.1/1 and 2, New Watch List Item No. 1/W.P.1

1. At the opening of the third round of discussion, the CHAIRMAN asked whether the Belgian, German and United Kingdom Delegations wished to express the further views of their Governments on this definition.
2. The GERMAN Delegate stated that his instructions did not permit him to go beyond the proposal which, in the spirit of compromise, he had already made and which was set out in paragraph 6 of COCOM 3716.W.L.NI 1/1.
3. The UNITED KINGDOM Delegate repeated his authorities' view that there was no justification for the embargo proposed but could reluctantly accept the proposal put forward by the German Delegation.
4. The BELGIAN Delegate said that he had received instructions which would enable him to join the majority.
5. The UNITED STATES Delegate asked whether Delegations would accept a Watch List entry limited to alloys containing 10 - 60% of molybdenum and less than 50% of iron. Surveillance exercised to this extent would give some indication of the Bloc interest in this field and the extent to which Western supplies were being drawn off into the Bloc.
6. The GERMAN and UNITED KINGDOM Delegations undertook to give sympathetic consideration to this proposal, and asked that it might be submitted in the form of a memorandum. The United Kingdom Delegation expressed the view, nevertheless, that it introduced a concept of what constituted molybdenum alloys which ran counter to what was generally understood.
7. The UNITED STATES Delegate stated that his authorities considered it of great importance that molybdenum alloys, or at least some particular kinds of molybdenum alloys, should be on the Watch List. They would give further consideration to the form in which, later on, they would submit a new proposal on such alloys for the Committee's consideration. In the meantime, the Delegate expressed appreciation of the German Delegation's gesture, and accepted the German proposal.
8. The CHAIRMAN noted that there was thus general agreement to accept the text set out in paragraph 6 of COCOM Document No. 3716.WL.NI 1/1.

CONCLUSION: The COMMITTEE agreed to place on the Watch List a new Item 4658 reading as follows:

"Molybdenum ores, concentrates, oxides and scrap."